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ARKANSAS BROILER PLACEMENTS DOWN UP 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

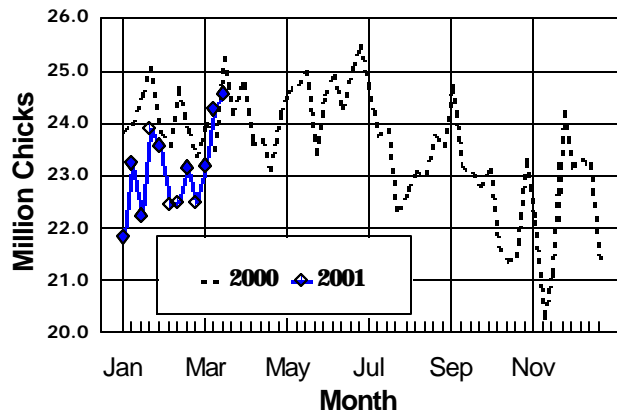
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in **Arkansas** was 24.6 million during the week ending March 24, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2000 and 1 percent above the previous week, and included 2.8 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000, through March 24, 2001 were 277.4 million, 4 percent below a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 24.8 million, down slightly from the corresponding week a year earlier, but slightly above the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.6 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatch ability for chicks hatched was 82.1 percent.

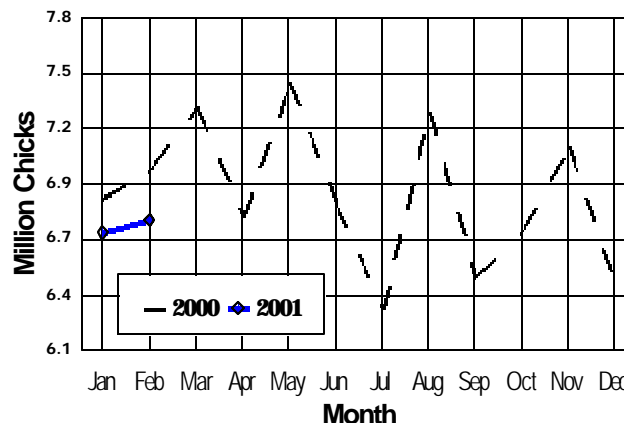
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 29.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 24, 2001, down 3 percent from the same period last year, but slightly above the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 6.7 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2001, down 4 percent from February 2000.

ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS BY WEEK, 2000 - 2001



U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2000	2001	
	1,000		
Feb. 17	23,844	22,478	94
Feb. 24	23,384	23,167	99
Mar. 3	24,043	22,485	94
Mar. 10	23,490	23,203	99
Mar. 17	25,285	24,259	96
Mar. 24	24,194	24,556	102

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2000	2001	
	1,000		
Sep.	6,870	6,469	94
Oct.	7,121	6,694	94
Nov.	6,984	7,105	102
Dec.	6,993	6,429	92
Jan.	6,861	6,685	97
Feb.	7,001	6,748	96

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BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
Week Ending					1/	Week Ending					1/	
STATE	03-Mar	10-Mar	17-Mar	24-Mar	%	17-Feb	24-Feb	03-Mar	10-Mar	17-Mar	24-Mar	%
Alabama	28,937 *	28,695	28,653	28,594	100	20,568	20,374	21,304	21,388	21,177 *	21,447	102
ARKANSAS	29,916	29,991	29,426	29,443	97	22,478	23,167	22,485	23,203	24,259	24,556	102
Delaware	3,555	3,669	3,574	3,684	90	4,693	4,232	4,905	4,817	5,250 *	4,649	105
Florida	2,540 *	2,544	2,679	2,695	95	2,049	2,434	2,353	2,408	2,400	2,364	92
Georgia	32,368	31,513	31,873	31,849	98	24,456	24,539	24,227	24,779	25,946 *	26,289	103
Maryland	8,943	8,736	8,888 *	8,608	98	5,533	5,715	5,717	5,602	6,140 *	5,887	85
Mississippi	19,018 *	19,004	18,821	19,018	103	14,843	14,874	15,174	15,388	15,151	15,954	110
N. Carolina	18,356 *	18,290	18,282	18,017	101	13,585	13,999	14,284	14,716	14,873	14,495	104
Pennsylvania	3,706	3,817	3,621 *	3,550	96	2,716	2,882	2,402	2,658	2,819 *	3,004	102
S. Carolina	4,919	4,846	4,983	5,051	103	4,017	3,760	4,044	3,702	3,754	4,245	96
Texas	14,659	14,738	14,798	14,851	103	11,258	11,532	11,415	11,443	11,643	11,778	102
Virginia	6,649	6,647	6,717	6,883	102	5,526	5,602	5,592	5,859	5,373	5,659	105
CA TN & W VA	11,579	11,496	11,483 *	11,591	101	9,567	9,483	9,981	10,412	10,268 *	10,176	101
Total 2000-2001	185,145 *	183,986	183,798 *	183,834		141,289	142,593	143,883	146,375	149,053 *	150,503	
Total 1999-2000	184,181	184,823	184,452	184,908		143,311	141,374	141,126	142,475	147,869	147,502	
% PREV. YEAR	101	100	100	99		99	101	102	103	101	102	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2001.....						07-Apr	14-Apr	21-Apr	28-Apr	05-May	12-May	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 184 million eggs during the week ending March 24, 2001. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 151 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 24, 2001. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through March 24, 2001 were 1.73 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.